

Substitute for Form PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1033033-000028 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/540,210
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/014094	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 December 2003 (11.12.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 18 December 2002 (18.12.2002)	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR EVALUATING A WELD JOINT FORMED DURING A WELDING PROCESS			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US WASCHKIES, Eckhard			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).			
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.			
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.			
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).			
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). signed by the inventor's wife, on his behalf.			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).			
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:			
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.			
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.			
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.			
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.			
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Notification of Missing Requirements dated January 26, 2006; Petition For Two Month Extension of Time; and Submission of Replacement Drawings.</u>			

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<p>21. Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
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22. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

Basic Filing Fee (1631)				\$ 0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 130.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$
Total Claims	-20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1615)	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	-3 =	0	x \$200.00 (1614)	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00 (1616)
Examination Fee				+ \$200.00 (1633)
Search Fee				+ \$400.00 (1632)
App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)				
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$ 130.00
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				+ \$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 130.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 (1618) for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$ 130.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 260.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 (8021) per property +				
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 260.00
				Amount to be refunded :
				charged :

a. A check in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. **02-4800** in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-4800**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. ☒ Charge **\$ 260.00** to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.


NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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02 FC:1618 130.00 DP

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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 32,858 May 26, 2006
 REGISTRATION NO. DATE



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/540,210	Eckhard Waschkies	033033-028

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/EP03/14094

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
12/11/2003	12/18/2002

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CONFIRMATION NO. 5265
371 FORMALITIES LETTER



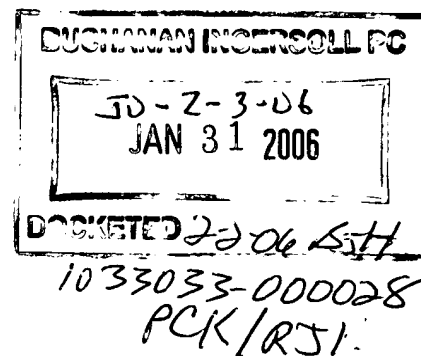
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/20/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/20/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/20/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/20/2005
- Specification filed on 06/20/2005
- Claims filed on 06/20/2005
- Abstracts filed on 06/20/2005
- Drawings filed on 06/20/2005



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

Missing Parts Due 3-26-06

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$260** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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10/540,210	PCT/EP03/14094	033033-028

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Group Art Unit:
Eckhard Waschkies)	Examiner:
Application No.: 10/540,210)	Confirmation No.: 5265
Filed: June 20, 2005)	
For: METHOD FOR EVALUATING A)	
WELD JOINT FORMED DURING A)	
WELDING PROCESS)	

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Missing Requirements dated January 26, 2006, submitted herewith is a Declaration. Because the inventor Mr. Waschkies has become incapacitated due to a stroke, the Declaration has been executed on his behalf by his wife, Mrs. B. Waschkies, as his legal representative:

Residence and Mailing Address: Am Biesinger Berg 58
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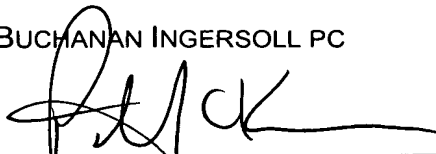
Citizenship: Germany

If there are questions regarding this matter, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL PC

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Eckhard Waschkies Application No.: 10/540,210 Filing Date: June 20, 2005 Title: METHOD FOR EVALUATING A WELD JOINT FORMED DURING A WELDING PROCESS	ATTN: DRAFTING BRANCH Group Art Unit: Examiner: Confirmation No.: 5265
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SUBMISSION OF DRAWINGS

MAIL STOP ☒ MISSING PARTS ☐ PGPUB DRAWINGS
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ATTN: OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN


Sir:

Enclosed please find 3 sheet(s) of drawings for review by the Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the Missing Parts or Corrected Application Papers mailed January 26, 2006. Should the enclosed drawing(s) require changes, it is respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office notify the undersigned of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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